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## PART I: SECTION (I) — GENERAL

### Appointments, &c., by the Governor-General

No. 33 of 1955

G. G. O. No. C. 163/49

IT is hereby notified for general information that in pursuance of the powers vested in him by section 10 (1) of the Ceylon (Constitution and Independence) Orders in Council, 1946 and 1947, His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL has been pleased to appoint Mr. JAYASURIYA ARATCHIGE EDWARD MATHEW DE SARAM, O.B.E., M.M.C., to be a Senator, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Sir NICHOLAS ATTYGALLE.

Governor-General's Office,  
Colombo, 21st January, 1955.

By His Excellency's command,  
N. W. ATUKORALA,  
Secretary to the Governor-General.

No. 34 of 1955

G. G. O. No. C. 162/49

IT is hereby notified that the Governor-General has been pleased, under section 51.(1) of the Ceylon (Constitution and Independence) Orders in Council, 1946 and 1947, to appoint Sir RICHARD ALUWIHARE, K.C.M.G., C.B.E., C.C.S., Inspector-General of Police, to act as Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and External Affairs with effect from 26th January, 1955, during the absence out of the Island of GUNASENA DE SOYZA, Esquire, C.M.G., O.B.E., Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and External Affairs.

Governor-General's Office,  
Colombo, 24th January, 1955.

By His Excellency's command,  
N. W. ATUKORALA,  
Secretary to the Governor-General.

## Government Notifications

G. G. O. No. N. 71/55.

BY His Excellency Sir OLIVER ERNEST GOONETILLEKE, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Ceylon and its Dependencies.

O. E. GOONETILLEKE

To: ARTHUR REGINALD HENRY CANEKERATNE, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the Law,  
HETHUMUNI AYADORIS DE SILVA, Esquire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,  
EUSTACE OLIVER EDWIN PEREIRA, Esquire, Associate Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Ceylon.

Greetings :

WHEREAS it appears to me to be necessary that an inquiry should be held into the administration and working of the Department of Irrigation, the conduct of its officers and other employees and contractors, and the incidence of bribery and other malpractices therein ;

NOW KNOW YE that I, Oliver Ernest Goonetilleke, Governor-General, reposing great trust and confidence in your prudence, ability, and fidelity, do under the provisions of section 2 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, No. 17 of 1948, by these Presents, authorize and appoint you the said Arthur Reginald Henry Canekeratne, Hethumuni Ayadoris de Silva, and Eustace Oliver Edwin Pereira to be my Commissioners for the following purpose, that is to say, to inquire into and report generally upon the administration and working of the Department of Irrigation and in particular upon the following matters, namely

- (a) Whether any officer or officers of the Department of Irrigation are guilty of favouritism or nepotism in the matter of appointments in the Department and in the selection of candidates for the grant of scholarships and awards ;
- (b) Whether any officer or officers of the Department of Irrigation are guilty of accepting directly or indirectly bribes, secret commissions, gifts, favours, rewards or any other benefits or advantages from contractors or others ;
- (c) Whether any officer or officers of the Department of Irrigation are guilty of failure or neglect to inquire into complaints against members of the Department by their subordinates, other Government officers or Departments, and members of the public ;
- (d) Whether any officer or officers of the Department of Irrigation have directly or indirectly enriched themselves at the expense of Government, and, if so, to what extent ;
- (e) Whether any officer or officers of the Department of Irrigation are guilty of suppression of complaints against other officers of the Department ;
- (f) Whether any officer or officers of the Department of Irrigation have directly or indirectly caused loss to Government by negligence, failure of duty, failure to exercise proper supervision, want of proper care, or any other cause whatsoever ;
- (g) Whether there has been negligence or want of proper care in the purchase of machinery, stores, equipment, and spare parts for the Department of Irrigation ;
- (h) Whether during the five years preceding the date of this warrant machinery, stores, or spare parts which are inferior, unwanted, superfluous or unnecessary have been purchased for the Department of Irrigation and if so whether any officer or officers of the Department have been instrumental in or are responsible for such purchase ;
- (i) Whether the existing procedure in regard to contract work is satisfactory and if not to what extent it should be revised ;
- (j) Whether any officer or officers in authority or whose duty it is to supervise any work have directly or indirectly through any relative, friend, agent, or any other person whatsoever, contracted to perform such work ;
- (k) Whether any officer or officers in authority or whose duty it is to supervise any work have or had directly or indirectly any share or interest in any contract for the performance of such work ;
- (l) Whether the present methods of preparation of estimates for works are satisfactory and if not to what extent they should be revised ;
- (m) Whether any officer or officers have acquired property (movable or immovable) either in their own names or in the names of others, and to what extent such officers are able to account for their acquisitions from their legitimate sources of income ;
- (n) Whether the present system of payment of wages on checkroll in large irrigation schemes or works leaves room for fraud on the part of the paying officers and supervisors and if so to what extent such system should be revised so as to prevent fraud ;
- (o) Whether there is unauthorised use of departmental machinery, and if so what checks and safeguards should be introduced to prevent such unauthorised use ;
- (p) Whether any officer or officers of the Department of Irrigation have received any loans, gifts, rewards or benefits from their subordinates ;
- (q) Whether any officer or officers of the Department of Irrigation have caused loss to Government by faulty measurement of works completed, or by the giving of false or incorrect certificates as to work done, workmanship, quantities, specifications, &c. ;
- (r) Whether the estimates for any irrigation work or works or scheme or schemes have been inflated and if so whether any officer or officers have profited thereby ;
- (s) Whether the actual measurements of any work or works or any part thereof are below the specifications in the tender and if so whether any officer or officers have profited thereby ;
- ✓ (t) Whether the Government has suffered loss by negligence, neglect or failure to supervise, neglect or failure of duty, or failure or neglect to exercise due and proper care, on the part of any officer or officers in service on the date hereof and if so what the amount of such loss is and who are the officers liable or responsible for such loss ;
- (u) Whether there has been favouritism in the matter of stationing and transfer of technical, clerical, and other officers and if so whether there has been corruption in the matter of stationing and transfer of such officers ;
- (v) Whether there has been theft or misappropriation of Government property by any officer or officers of the Department of Irrigation, its contractors and others, and if so the extent of such theft or misappropriation ;
- (w) Whether the present methods of supervision and checking of contract and other work are satisfactory and if they are not what changes should be introduced in order to prevent fraud and loss to the Government ;
- (x) Whether there is corruption of the officers of the Department of Irrigation by its contractors and others and if so the extent of such corruption and what measures should be taken to combat such corruption ;
- (y) Whether the present practice and procedure observed in the appointment of the subordinate staff of the Department of Irrigation have left room for corruption and if so what changes should be effected therein.

And I do hereby appoint you, the said Arthur Reginald Henry Canekeratne, to be the Chairman of the said Commission.

And I do hereby authorise and empower you, the said Commissioners, to hold all such inquiries and make all such investigations into the aforesaid and other like matters as may appear to you to be necessary, and require you to transmit to me, with as little delay as possible, a report thereon under your hands.

And I do hereby direct that the inquiry shall, except when the Commissioners deem it necessary or advisable to take proceedings *in camera*, be held in public.

And I do hereby require and direct all public officers and other persons to whom you may apply for assistance or information for the purposes of your inquiries and investigations to render all such assistance and furnish all such information as may properly be rendered and furnished in that behalf.

Given at Colombo under the Seal of this Island, this Twenty-fifth day of January, One thousand Nine hundred and Fifty-five

By His Excellency's command,

N. W. ATUKORALA,  
Secretary to the Governor-General.

IT is hereby notified that under the provisions of section 46 (4) of the Ceylon (Constitution and Independence) Orders in Council, 1946 and 1947, I have temporarily assigned to the Minister of Justice, with effect from January 26, 1955, until the return to Ceylon of the Minister of Defence and External Affairs, the Department, subjects and functions mentioned in the schedule hereto.

Office of the Prime Minister,  
Colombo, January 24, 1955.

J. L. KOTELAWALA,  
Prime Minister.

SCHEDULE

<i>Department</i>	<i>Subjects and Functions</i>
Department of Immigration and Emigration	.. Immigration, Emigration, Repatriation and Aliens
Department for the Registration of Indian and Pakistani Residents...	Administration of the Indian and Pakistani Residents (Citizenship) Act, No. 3 of 1949

IT is hereby notified that under the provisions of section 46 (4) of the Ceylon (Constitution and Independence) Orders in Council, 1946 and 1947, I have temporarily assigned to the Minister of Agriculture and Food, with effect from January 26, 1955, until the return to Ceylon of the Minister of Defence and External Affairs, the Department, subjects and functions mentioned in the schedule hereto.

Office of the Prime Minister,  
Colombo, January 24, 1955.

J. L. KOTELAWALA,  
Prime Minister.

SCHEDULE

<i>Departments</i>	<i>Subjects and Functions</i>
Police Department	... Police and Crime
Department of Information	... Nuisances (excluding insanitary nuisances) Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Processions Traffic Control and Temporary closing of thoroughfares in connection therewith Public Meetings The issuing of orders under section 24 (1) of the Post Office Ordinance (Chapter 146) Criminal Procedure Code—Sections 114 (5) and 121 (1) Prevention of Crimes Ordinance—Section 17 (1) Riot Damages Ordinance—Sections 38 (1) and 38 (3)

*Department of Information*

Distribution of official news to the press and arranging Press Conferences  
Sale, storage and despatch of Government publications  
The Government Film Unit and arrangement of Film shows from Mobile Vans  
Preparation and Publication of monthly magazines in Sinhalese and Tamil, and other information and propaganda material in English, Sinhalese and Tamil  
Distribution of Publications to Rural Development Societies, Community Centres, Schools, Libraries, &c  
Preparation and issue of the Weekly Ceylon News Letter to foreign countries  
Advice on Publicity, Press advertisement, &c.

*Departments*

*Subjects and Functions*

*Department of Information (continued)*

Exchange of Publications with the Library of Congress, Washington, in accordance with Treaty with the U. S. Government

Information to the Public by letter and personal interview

Information to visitors to the Island. Preparation or Revisions of translations for Government Departments

Collection and distribution of photographs and other publicity material to—

(a) Ceylon Missions abroad ;

(b) Foreign Missions in Ceylon ;

(c) Foreign Governments unrepresented in Ceylon, also Universities, Libraries, &c.